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THE FLOWER OF DEATH.

A Night of Despair and its Joyful Morning.

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"We'll see about that, And now

"That is not altogether polite. But

Remain if you like. I consider

I am as good-humored as I am tena-

cious, M. Bousard. I am not offended

at your procedure, and I will remain."

you as gone, and I will not converse

And M. Bousard turned toward the wall, grumbling, "Did one ever see the

like; to disturb a peaceful man, to

rouse him from his sleep, for the pur-

pose of listening to such nonsense."

Suddenly M. Bousard made a

Anatole had taken up one of the

trombones of the professor, into which

he blew with might and main, madly

moving the slide. Infernal sounds

by my pupils! Leave the instrument

consider me as departed. I consider

you as absent, and I am amusing my-

self while waiting for your return.

Um-pa! Um-pa! What dulcet mel-

"You will cause me to receive notice

"Then all I can say is they have no

to leave the house. My neighbors

will not tolerate the trombone after

love of music in their souls. Z-z-z-z!

Wow! Tootle-too! Um-pa! Um-pa!

"Stop, for mercy's sake."

"Do you consent, then?"

"To give up the marriage."

"But monsieur, I can't do it.

of the match my cousin shall be free."

"Yes, monsieur, she shall be free."

"Bravo. I have your word. Permit

me to retire. But where does this

"Number 100, Rue des Deux-Epees."

"I will go there. Good-by."

"To what?"

Capendac live?"

"Then, um-pa!"

"My cherished trombone, given me

were emitted by the instrument.

"Monsieur," said Anatole,

further with you."

bound from his bed.

alone, monsieur."

that you are acquainted with my

answer I will not detain you longer.

"You are as good as dead," said the dector, looking steadily at Anatole. Anotole staggered. He had come to pass a cheerful evening with his old friend, Dr. Bardais, the savant

whose works in poisonous substances are so well and favorably known, but one whose excellence of heart and almost fatherly kindness Anatole had been able to appreciate more than any one. And now all of a sudden, without regard for his feelings, without being prepared to hear it, the terrible r :ognostic is uttered by so great an au-

"Unfortunate fellow," continued the doctor, "what have you done?" "Nothing that I know of," stam-

mered Anatole, greatly troubled. "Try to recollect. Tell me what you have drank, what you have eaten and what you have breathed."

The last word spoken by the doctor was a ray of light to Anatole. That: very morning he had received a letter from one of his friends who was traveling in India. In this letter had been a flower plucked on the shores of the Ganges by the traveler-a flower, red, warped and of bizarre shape, the odor of which, he remembered well now, had seemed to him strangely penetrating. Anatole searched in his pocketbook and took therefrom the letter and flower in question, which he showed to the savant.

"Without doubt," exclaimed the doctor, "it is the Pyramenensis Indica -the fatal flower, the flower of

"Do you really think so?"

"I am sure of it." "But it is not possible. I am only 25 years old. I feel myself full of life and health."

"When did you open that fatal letaffront him thus he will kill me." ter?" "At 9 o'clock this morning." "Yes, and others besides."

"Well, tomorrow morning at the same hour, indeed at the same moment, you will feel a sharp anguish at the heart, and it will be all over

"And do you not know any remedy, any means of ---"None," said the doctor, and hiding his face in his hands he sank backward in an armchair, choked with

From the emotion displayed by his old friend, Anatole realized that there was no hope. He departed in a dazed

With beads of cold perspiration on

what was p even suspe becoming d long lime t a bench, he The rest

he had best struck on t effects of the shock were disapp. and he began now to collect his vagrant thoughts. "My plight," thought he, "is that

of a person condemned to death. Yet I can still hope for mercy. By the way, how much longer have I to live?" He looked at his watch.

"It lacks three hours of morning. It is time I was in bed. I go to bed, indeed! To devote the last sad hours of my life to sleep! No. I can certainly do better than that. But, what? Parbleu! I have it. I will draw up my last will and testament." A restaurant which remained open

all night was near by. Anatole entered and sat down. "Waiter, a cup of coffee and a bottle of ink."

He took a sip and looked at his writing paper, reflecting: "To whom shall I leave my 6000 francs income? I have neither father nor mother-a fact which is lucky for them. And among the persons who interest me I can think only of one-Nicette."

Nicette was one of his forty-second cousins, a charming young girl of 18 years, with fair tresses and large, black eyes. Like himself she was an orphan, and this community of fate had long ago established a bond of sympathy between them. His will was speedily drawn up. He left everything to

"Poor Nicette," thought he. "Her guardiau, who knows little of the infamous tyranuy to spoil her life by giving her to a brute. But why should I not be Nicette's champion? I have said it now, and tomorrow morning I will begin to act. But tomorrow morning it will be too late. Now is the time to begin, if at all. The hour is a little mal a propos to see people,

his night-cap, he answered the door.

"Is the house on fire?" "No, my dear M. Bousard," replied Anatole, "I have come for a chat."

"At this hour?"

But-I suppose monsieur, that to disturb me in this manner you must have something very important to say to

"Very important, M. Bousard. It is necessary that you give up your plan of marrying my cousin Nicette to M. Capendac.'

"Never, mousieur, never."

"But I say, yes." "Monsieur, my resolution is taken. The marriage will take place," "It will not."

Open, or I will have to break the

M. Bousard opened it. Auatole showed him the paper and going to the door of Nicette's room called out: "Cousin, rise, dress yourself quickly,

the dawn, came into the little parlor. "What is the matter?" she inquired. "The matter is," answered M. Bou-

cousin. I have achieved two things. M. consents that you shall marry whom you please.'

"Then, I love you, my cousin." dais? Was it death?

poor fellow. "The cup of happiness is at my lips, and I am going to die without tasting it."

the steps he had subsequently taken, and the success with which his efforts had been crowned.

'the doctor is deceived. Who is he?" "A man who is never wrong in his diarnosis, Nicette--Dr. Bardais." "Bardais, Bardais!" cried M. Bousard suddenly, bursting out laughing.

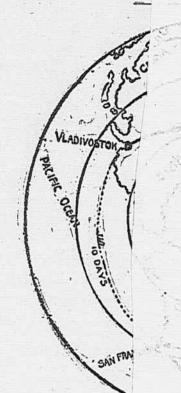
suddenly stricken with inental alienation. The mania from which he suffers is of a sci-"M. Capendac is a terrible man. If entific character. It is well known that the "Does that reason influence you?" doctor made a special study of poisonous substances. He believes now that all whom he meets are poisoned and endeavors to per-suade them that such is the case. He was removed at night to the madnouse," "In that case leave all to me. Only swear to me that if I obtain the consent of M. Capendac to the breaking

"Nicette!" "Anatole!"

The young couple had rushed into each other's arms and were locked in a

ERITONS WHO BAR ENGLISH.

Speak Their Own Language. Not everybody is aware of the fact that a very considerable percentage of the native-born inhabitants of the islands, the southern a



The world's record for around the world will so twain. Prince Hilkoff, F ter of Communication, recent meeting of the way managers that v Siberian railway is con be possible to travel are in thirty-three days. best possible record is

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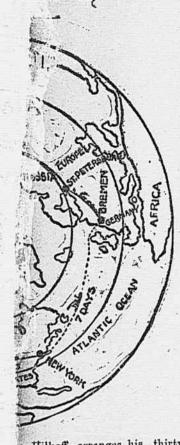
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8 PHILIPPINE TRIBES COMPLETELY I An Ethnographic

A simple classification pine Archipelago's popul made with the assistance panying ethnographic ma;

Harper's Weekly: 1. The Moros, or Sulus dan Malays) occupy the sm coasts of Mindanao, and t

AY, JUNE 28, 1899. TY-THREE DAYS tions of the archipelago, by hordes of Asiatics coming from the Malay Peninsula by way of Dorneo—the first



Hilkoff arranges his thirtyday itinerary. stimates speed on the Siberian y at the very modest rate of but sight kilometers, or thirty miles. hour. Faster communication both es and land will doubtless soon

PRESENT TIME TABLE. Days York to Southampton 6 ancisco to New York 41/2

ce the minimum time to thirty

Blacks), or Aetas, only 10,000 600 remain. They are "as near an ich to primitive man as can anybe found,"says Professor Brinad they are so far inferior in phy-



incursion being led by Tagals, and the second by Visayans. The third and last wave of Malay invasion culminated about the middle of the sixteenth century, not far from the time when the Spaniards arrived upon the scene and established themselves in the Visayas and Luzon.

AURCIBEC.

The editor of the Dictionnaire de Geographie Universelle estimates the total population of the archipelago at about 9,000,000, but fails to give convincing reasons for this opinion. In view of the statements which have been repeated day after day for the last ten months, that the Philippines support a population of 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 persons, it may not seem that our question is too pointed if we ask, How is this information derived? A little scrutiny of figures given in the foregoing paragraphs will show that perhaps 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 have been accounted for. Within a limited area, conditions which allow half a million of people to live by hunting are not usually such as to allow 8,-000,000 or 9,000,000 more to live by agriculture and commerce. Why, then, does it seem probable that the population of the Philippines is so dense? How has it been possible to secure trustworthy information on this head?-Marrion Wilcox, in Harper's Weekly.

An American Girl's Romance. The news that the Viscountess Deerurst has just given birth to a son and neir recalls her strange but romantic



VISCOUNTESS DEERHURST.

As is known, the young history. Viscountess occupies an enviable position in English society. She has been twice received by Queen Victoria, and she has won many friends by her charming personality. She was first known to English society as Miss Virginia Bonynge, the daughter of C. W. Bonynge, a California millionaire. Virginia Bonynge became the inti-

ODD FISHING IN CALIFORNIA. Boy Angles on Horseback and Gets Pon

and Inii From Fishes. "Hi, there!" shouted a boy, very much out of breath, who had run top from the beach at San Diego, Cal., where the big rollers were piling in

with a mighty roar. "What is it?" yelled a stableman. "Squids, millions of 'em; they're itist in the surf. Can't you lend me horse?" gasped the boy.

"Is that so?" said the man. "Why, looking around, 'here's a couple of ponies waiting; jump on and I'll go with you," and forewith the two sprang into the saddles and dashed down to the beach. "You can hook 'em right ashore,'

said the boy, and leaping off the pony he picked up from the beach, where he had previously laid it, a bamboo rod about nine feet long that had a large hook at the end. Thus equipped, he moved down to the water's edge. It had been blowing a heavy southeaster, and great waves were coming in, piling up long black masses of kelp that wound away like serpents over the sand. Here and there, just on the borders of the waves, were strange uncauny-looking creatures, six or seven feet in length, with long fingerlike tentacles and black, staring eyes. Some were high, dry and helpless; others were half in the water, waving their sucker-like tentacles as though imploring aid, while out in the waves others could be seen, either driven in by some large fish or beaten in by the

"What good are they?" asked the tableman, who had never seen the

"Good?" repeated the boy, "why, it's fun catchin' 'em, and I can sell the syes and pen for fifty cents. Jest look at 'em, will you!" and, digging his feet into the reluctant broncho, he urged him into the surf, where, reaching down, he hooked on to something. A big wave splashed over his back, drenching him from head to foot, but he held on to the squid, and the broncho, though visibly alarmed at the hideous-looking creature, dragged it out high and dry on the beach, where it lay pumping ink and water, its long arms coiling about like snakes. After various excursions into the

surf the boy, having with the aid of the stableman hauled the animals above high-water mark, began to secure his treasures. Each squid had a pen-long, opal-tinted, translucent object, the model of a huge pen and holder eighteen or twenty inches in length. This was found extending foom the tip of the tail to the neck of the animal, and served as a support, something like a backbone. But the squid is a squid, not a backboned animal. Next the huge eyes were taken out and the eyeball secured, which, after drying, resembled a pearl THE GRAND MATCH.

Dennis was hearty when Dennis was young, High was his step in the jig that he sprung, He had the looks an' the sootherin' tongue— An' he wanted a girl wid a fortung.

Nonnie was gray-eyed an, Nannie was tall, Fair was the face hid in-undher her shawi, Troth! on he liked her the best o' them all-

But she'd not a transen to her fortune. He began to look out for a likelier match, So he merried a girl that was counted a catch.

An' as ugly as need be, the dark little But that was a thrifle, he tould her. She brought him her good-lookin' gould to

admire, She brought him her good-looking cows to his byre, But far from good-lookin' she sat by his And paid him that "thrifle" he tould her.

He met pretty Nan when a month had gone And he thought like a fool to get round her he'd try; Wid a smile on her lip an' a spark in her

she said, "How is the woman that owns Och, never be tellin' the life that he's led! Sure, many's the night that he'll wish him-

For the sake o' two eyes in a pretty girl's An' the tongue o' the woman that owns

him. --Moira O'Neill,in Blackwood's Magazine. HUMOROUS.

"What is ideal weather?" "Any kind of weather which makes you mad because you have to work for a

living.' Henry (with a wedge of pie in his fist)—Fingers were made before knives and forks, Uncle George. George-Not yours.

"That story was the funniest thing I ever heard," said Flinders. "It would have made a jacl ass laugh. Why, I laughed at it fit to split my sides.' The Lawyer-Well, we have won

the suit, and now I will formally turn over the amount yet coming to you from the estate. The Heir-Oh, keep the change. Jackson-Heaven bless him! He showed confidence in me when the clouds were dark and threatening.

Wilson→In what way? Jackson-He lent me an umbrella. Hojack-I don't believe in heredity. Tomdik-Why not? Hojack - The Father of this Country could not tell

a lie, but look at his children's successful efforts in that direction. "With or without?" asked the barher, as the customer took his seat in

the chair. "Without," replied the customer. Whereupon the barber shaved him without any conversation. Among the tantalizing gifts the lavish hand of nature pours

Are the moonlit nights which come along before it's safe to court outdoors. Dobbs-There's a man who shaves

almost as large as a marble. Then the voung fisherman produced a bag of don't mean it. Should think there'd

very dangerous. Do people often get There is an atmosphere of boisterous life about the youth of Cromwell, drowned in this bay? Waterman-No, and royalist writers represent him as indeed, mum. The sharks never let a terror to his neighbors. "He threw anybody drown. himself into a dissolute and disorderly "It is said that if man were to live course of life," says Sir William Dugs long as the sun endures he would, dale," being more famous for football, a. the end be learning still."

> think he knew more about the business than the old man did even then. First Young Woman-Let's see. Who wrote "Pickwick Papers?" Second Ditto-Dickens. (The Lie) "Of course. I coulnn't for the moment think of his name." (The Trap) "He was the author of 'Pendennis' and

and the office boy would probably

'Under Two Flags,' you know." (Caught) "Oh, yes, I know that." "When Bilford went west he told me that as soon as he had settled

down and pulled himself together he would write to me, but I have never heard from him." "Bilford was blown up in an explosion of dynamite three months ago. He may have settled down, but I don't believe he has pulled himself together yet." Had Observed It. There had been a brilliant company

woman whose husband, while a worthy man, was noted rather for his wealth than for his mental attainments. "Well, Abner," she said, after the last visitor had gone and they had sat

at the home of a society leader, a

down to talk it over, "it was a compicte success, wasn't it?" "Sure," replied the husband. "Did you notice Professor Much-

"He was the man with the bandage around his neck, wasn't he?" "Yes. You heard him talk, didn't

"Oh yes. I heard him." "What an astonishing vocabulary

he has!" "Well, that may be what it is," said Abner, doubtfully, "but from the way he held his head I should judge it was a carbuncle."-Youth's Companion.

The Island of Negros. Negros is an island in the Philippines, about one hundred and fifty

miles long, and having an average width of twenty-five miles. It lies between Panay and Cebu and just north of Mindanao. It is about three hundred and eighty miles south of Manila. The island is divided into the grace of humility. His letters two provinces, one known as Western Negros, having an area of 1929 square self and his achievements. He pitched miles and a population of 226,995, and the other called Eastern Negros, with more clearly, when he failed to grasp a population of 94,782 and occupying 371 square miles. The island is dote contributed by the Duke of mountainous and wild and its coasts Argyle and quoted by Miss Cary in | are difficult of access. A high mounher volume, "Tennyson," exhibits the tain chain crosses it from north to south. The land is uneven, but fertile. The natives irrigate the soil and produce tobacco, coffee, sugar cane

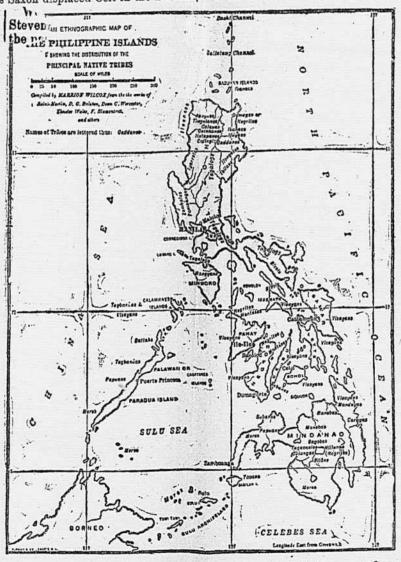
> and wheat. His Interest. "I want to see the airship an established factor in our every-day life,"

> remarked the skeptic. "You think it will be a particularly useful institution?"

"No. I'd like to live that long, that's all,"-Washington Star,

GENTRAL MASCARDO. 16 Philippine insurgent leader

7. At or near the principal ports



and arrows in the battle of February General Otis's army. 5 were of this class. The accompanying map shows the names of a dozen

sioned by successive waves of invasion. The aboriginal Actis (Negritos) nao, Northern Panay, and Negros, etc. as a less vigorous branch of the human Little reliance can be placed upon the family, were unable to resist attacks estimates of the total number of "In- from restless and progressive neighdonesiens" who have never consented bors. The first people from the main- inspector of marines is known simply to stand and be counted. As an ap- land to appear as conquerors on a as a "marinegarnison verwaltung soberproximation, some of the authoritives large scale may have been the so-called inspector." Imagine the Admiral have suggested 300,000 or 400,000.

Indonesiens; but these in turn were calling for that officer in the midst of

The present distribution of the native tribes has evidently been occa-

married a housemaid and emigrated to America. The Daniels journeyed from the East to Illinois, where they began farming on a quarter section of land, and it was during their sojourn in this State that Virginia was born. When a mere babe her parents started for the Rockies. While in a mining camp on the Pacific slope Daniel quarreled with a number of reckless men and killed his man. He was tried and convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Soon after Bonynge, also a miner, met Mrs. Daniel and persuaded her to get a divorce from Daniel, which she did, and married him. Thereafter Virginia became known as Virginia Bonynge. The Bonynges prospered and became rich, and eventually went to London to live. When the facts of Miss Bonynge's antecedents were made known to the prospective bridegroom the engagement was broken off by the scion of the noble British house. The Princess Christian, however, remained the fair heiress's friend, and she challenged her right of entre into the most aristocratic British society. The chances are that Virginia Bouynge cared little for her first noble love, for she soon forgot him and married the Viscount Deerhurst, who loved her in spite of the fact that she was the daughter of a miner and a convict. The Pan-American Emblem.

This design for the emblem of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held Buffalo, N. Y., in 1901, has been



The design is by Raphael Beck and is considered a splendid effort in artistic endeavor.

cricket, endgelling, and wrestling than for study." But football and cricket are not unpardonable sins in a youth, even if we add to them the further accusations of his enemies, that he was of a rough and blustering temper, unable to endure contradiction, and always ready to make those who objected to his words and ways feel the weight of his quarter-staff. If he really was of such a disposition, his early reformation was very creditable to him, for soon after he was twenty years of age the admonitions and entreaties of his mother-then a widow -prevailed over all other seduction. His sudden reformation drew on him a charge of hypocrisy, but the abrupt and absolute change of his life was only the natural consequences of au iron will that, having once determined on a change, makes it without hesitation, and with a thoroughness leaving nothing for future regret. - Amelia

Barr, in Harper's Magazine.

The Fate of American Rulers. Assassination of royal rulers seems to have been introduced into America in the first decades of this century, and the first to fall was a black man, Dessalines, who for a while had masquer aded under the title of emperor and was killed by his troops in 1806. The next to die was his successor, Christophe, sometimes called the first black king in America and who was crowned as Henry J, built a palace and castle and kept : n executioner. He ran the gamut of royalty and then committed suicide to avoid death at the hands of his enemies, shooting himself with a silver bullet. He was the eminent creator of those now degenerate scions of nobility who e ancestors sported the titles of dukes and counts of Marmalade and Lemonade. As "Saint Henry" he now rests secure of fame in the Haytian chronicles. It became the custom, after that, to depose a Haytian ruler by the powder and poinard route, so that the chronicle becomes tiresome of those who took that means of exit. - New York Tele-'An Anecdote of Tennyson.

The poet Tennyson was gifted with

disclose his dissatis action with himwhat he had reached after. An anecpoet's humility. "The first words I heard him utter."

says the Duke, "remain indelibly impressed upon my memory. On being introduced to him at an evening party in the house of Lord John Russell, I said, perhaps with some emotion: "I am so glad to see you!"

after all."

"I have the consent of M. Capendac.

and come down. Some minutes after, Nicette, fresh as

sard, "that your cousin is crazy." "If that be so there is at any rate method in my madness," exclaimed Anatole. "This very night, my dear Capendac has renounced his claim to your hand, and your excellent guardian

"Really and truly, my guardian, am I free to marry Anatole?" "Ha!" exclaimed Anatole.

At that moment Anatole felt his heart beat rapidly. Was it by reason of the pleasure which the unexpected avowal of Nicette had caused him? Was it the pang predicted by Dr. Bar-"Wretch that I am!" exclaimed the

Then feverishly taking Nicette's hand he told her all; how he had received the letter which contained the flower whose fragrance he had inhaled and of the prognostic of Dr. Bardais; how he had made his will in her favor,

"And now," sighed he, "I must "But it is impossible," said Nicette;

"Hear what the morning paper says: "The learned Dr. Bardais has just been

Thousands of Native Inhabitants Can't "As for you," thought M. Bousard. "you are putting your head in the lion's mouth, and you will be taught a lesson that you deserve to learn." Meanwhile Anatole hastened to

Teles cannot speak English.

there attremity of Palawan. I

almost five times as many people use both languages as those who speak Gaelic only, and in Ireland the proportion is still greater, being twenty speaking both to one who is able to speak Irish only. Manx is spoken in the Isle of Man. The population of the island is 55,598. The people are of Celtic extraction, with an intermixture of Norwegian. The island was under the rule of Nor-

mulgation of any new law in the The Channel Islands have a population of about 92,000, and the language spoken is French. Thus six languages are used in the British Isles. There is, it may be mentioned, a Celtic dialect spoken in Brittany called Armorican, or Breton. It is largely of the nature of Welsh, and is the

of which are mentioned above.

Gunpowder dates from A. D. 346, while smokeless gunpowder dates back

religious worship is held.

One of the oldest birds in the world died not long since. It was a parrot belonging to the Prince of Wales, and had lived, it was declared, 125 years, Two Kentucky farmers in a buggy were killed by a train, which smashed

Ireland, a lot of law documents missing in Irish Chancery cases. Though much damaged, the papers could be In Fiji there is a curious sea worm which arrives in myriads on the coast

ing is left of them but empty skins. mondson county, Ky. It was discovered in 1803 by a Mr. Hutchins while in pursuit of a bear. Its extreme extent is less than ten miles, and the combined length of all the accessible

on a certain day. The waters are so

full of them as to resemble vermicilli

The smallest perfect watch ever made is owned by a Russian princess. It was first placed in an exquisite gold car covered with the most minute but literally perfect Watteau scenes in enamel; then at the princess's de sire the works were removed and placed inside a splendid diamond. scarcely two-fifths of an inch in diam-

as the commonly spoken tongue of | Mindanao to Mindoro and w nearly 3,000,000 inhabitants. At that | anes Islands, the total numb ably much greater.

3. The Tagals, Tagalogs, (Roman Catholic Malays), f Aguinaldo has drawn the la of his forces, inhabit centr Their number is uncertain, the present we may accept tin's estimate-1,200,000.

4. Tribes of Malays, numerically of less impo not always clearly distingt Tagalogs and Visayans -- e. canos, Pampangos, and 2 Northern and Western 1 Bicols (or Vicols) in the ext east of Luzon and in adjac the Subanos of Southern (5. Non-Malayan savages

of an earlier population wl placed by the Malays, are will tered, and the common name "1.

nesiens" is given to these tribes by the writers, who regard them as repre- or somi-civilized Malay or "Indonesentatives of a race which the Malays | sign" that they seem destined to disdrove into the mountains, somewhat appear altogether before long." as Saxon displaced Celt in the British

Isles. That famous band of the Igor- | are about 100,000 Chinese, and per rotes who trusted to charms and bows haps 15,000 whites-not including

6. Of the aborigines called Negritos | displaced, in the more desirable por- a battle.

OFFICIAL SEAL OF PAN-AMERICAN EXPO-

Some German Naval Titles. The titles of some of the officials in

"Not in the tone or voice of mere conventional reply, but in the accents of sincere humility, he answered: "'You won't find much in me-

'Yes, monsieur." "Monsieur, you shall not marry

world except his class, which he teaches to play on brass instruments at the conservatory, has bethought himself to promise her hand to a brute, a sort of bully, whom she detests, because she loves another, as she has avowed to me, although with reticence and an embarrassed air. Who is this happy mortal? But he must be worthy of her, since she has fixed her affection on him. Good, gentle, comely and affectionate Nicette deserves an ideal husband. Ah, how well would she have suited me for a wife. It is an

but as I shall be dead in five hours I don't care a sou for conventionalities. Yes, I'll do it-my life for Nicette.' It was 4 o'clock in the morning when Anatole rang the bell at the house of Nicette's guardian, M. Bousard. Badly frightened and wearing

"I am at all hours pleased to see you; but you are not dressed, M. Bousard. Are you going back to bed "That's what I am going to do.

at 8 o'clock.

"He.e is a man well defended," Bosworth, winner thought Anatole. Finally the door was opened. Ana-

tole found himself in the presence of

his night-dress. "Always ready, you see. It is my invention. The walls of the ante-chamber were hidden by suits of armor. In the little parlor into which Capendac conducted his visitor he saw only weapons galore; ataghans, poisoned arrows, sabres, one

there was plenty there to make a timid heart quail. "Bah," thought Anatole, "what do I risk now? Two hours and a half at the most. Here goes."

"Blood and thunder, and who will "I will."

"you are lucky to find me in a pleasant humor. Profit by it. Do you know that I have fought twenty duels in

those two swords by the chimney, or these cavalry sabres, or these-or what do you say to these curved ataghans. You don't decide? Why do you hesitate?"

the carbine, the pistol or the revolver?" "Young man, do not fool with these firearms." "Are you afraid? You tremble."

hand of Nicette.' should always be in harmony with each other. Do you wish me to confess some-

thing to you?"

"Out with it."

"For some time past I have wished to free myself from this betrothal, but I did not know how to go to work about it. I would consent very willingly to what you desire of me, but you must understand that I. Capendac, can

"Will you write and sign your relinguishment of Nicette?" "I have so much sympathy for you that I can refuse you nothing.

"Who is there?" "Anatole." "Pe off to bed," cried the professor,

a gentleman with a large, curled mus- persons, tache, who wore a fencing costume as fewer people speak both English and Welsh than Welsh alone, in Scotland

"Monsieur," said Anatole, "you are going to marry Mlle. Nicette?"

and two-handed swords, pistols, lances:

hinder me?" Capendae looked askance at Anatole, who was not a large man, but who seemed very determined. "Ah, young man," said he, at length.

which I had the misfortune to slay five of my adversaries and to wound the other fifteen? Once more I warn you "I see," replied Anatole, "that you are an adversary worthy of my steel, and my desire increases to measure swords with a man so redoubtable. Let us see. Suppose we fight with

"I was thinking of your mother and the grief your death would cause her." "I am an orphan. Do you prefer

"I tremble? Nonsense, it is the "Then either fight or renounce the "I like your pluck. The brave

not have the air of yielding to threats. Now you have menaced me.'

"I withdraw the menace."

"Then it is agreed."

Furnished with the precious paper, Anatole hurried back to the residence of M. Bousard. He reached his door "Ting-a-ling-a-ling."

time Welsh was spoken by 1,000,000 Strangely enough, while in Wales

way from 870 to 1263 A. D. Both Manx and English are used in the pro-

last member of the Celtic group, on.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS. Both Mary Queen of Scots and George III were buried at midnight.

streets, squares, and a chapel where A farmer in Lorain county, Ohio, hung himself recently because a quantity of money which he had buried in his cellar had been ruined by mould.

There is a quick silver mine in Peru

480 feet deep. In this abyss are

the buggy but did not injure the horse that was pulling it nor the horse the men were leading behind it. A fisherman's trawling net brought up recently, near Carlingford Lough,

soup. After laying their eggs noth-Mammoth Cave is located in Edavenues is possibly 150 miles.

> different tribes in Northern Luzon alone, with others in Central Minda-

as most influence with the stribes of the island.)

awarded the first prize. It follows the outlines of the map and shows South America as stretching up her hand to

the German navy would tangle the tongue of an American officer, and the Emperor is trying to simplify them. For example, a frigate captain was formerly known as a "korvetten-capitan-mit-oberslieutenantrang.' There is an officer on the list of the German navy known as the "marinekasseninspector," whose duties are to inspect the marines, while the chief